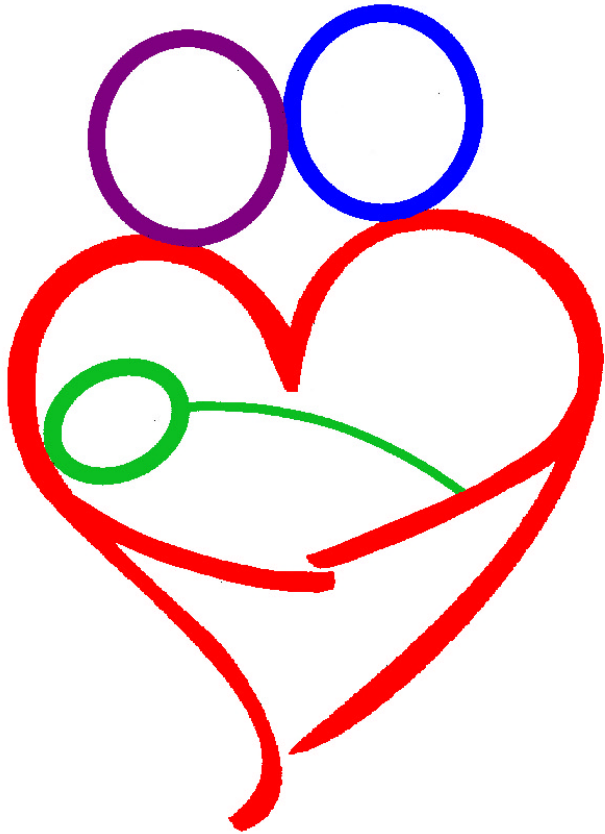


# Loess Hills Area Education Agency

Family Support and Parent  
Education Involving Young  
Children



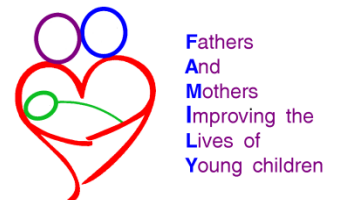
Fathers  
And  
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Improving the  
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**FAMILY**

Family support and education

# FAMILY – Quality Initiative

- Collaborative
- Quality Program Elements
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  - Quality and Training of Staff
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  - Home visits
  - Group Meetings
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# FAMILY...

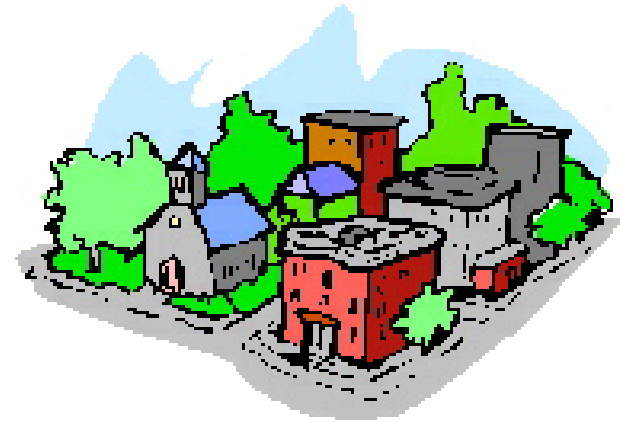
A partnership!



Home



School



Community

# Community Collaborative



- Visiting Nurses Association
- ISU West  
Pottawattamie  
County Extension  
Services – Teen  
Parenting  
Program

# Collaborative – Early ACCESS



- 1) Provides family training and counseling support to families referred by Early ACCESS
- 2) Refers child to Early ACCESS
- 3) Provides service coordination
- 4) Provides opportunities for parents to participate in parent, parent and child and child group activities
- 5) Provides facilities for the Early ACCESS program to engage in transition activities of children eligible for special education services at age 3.



# Collaborative - Schools



- Children receiving home visitation as part of the Shared Vision program are eligible for preschool services in local school district.

# Quality Program- Home



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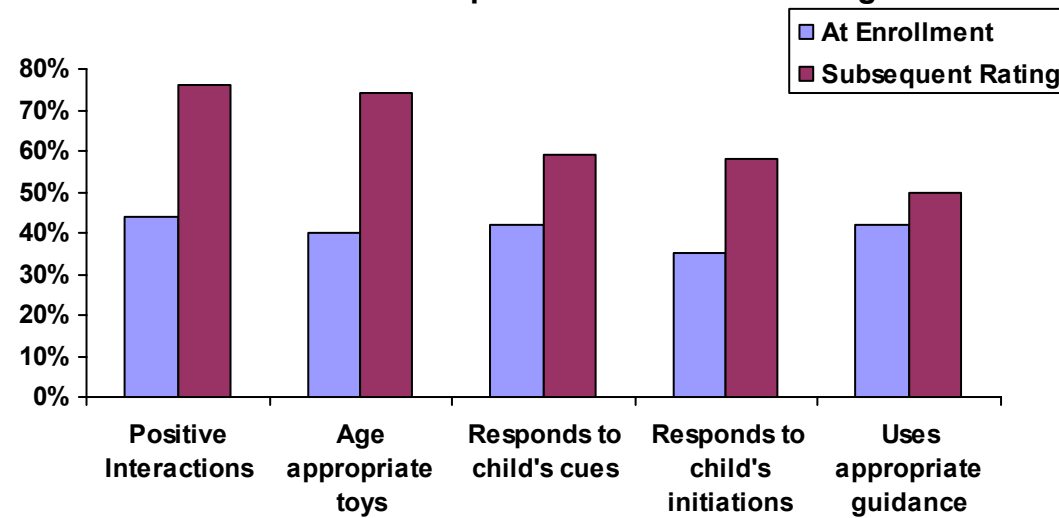
# Results

- The Ounce of Prevention and the Child and Family Policy Center which recently evaluated the FAMILY program noted the following:
  - Retention rate of families is over 77%
  - Growth and development of children improves
  - Decrease in families participation in protective services
  - Increased community involvement
  - Positive parenting

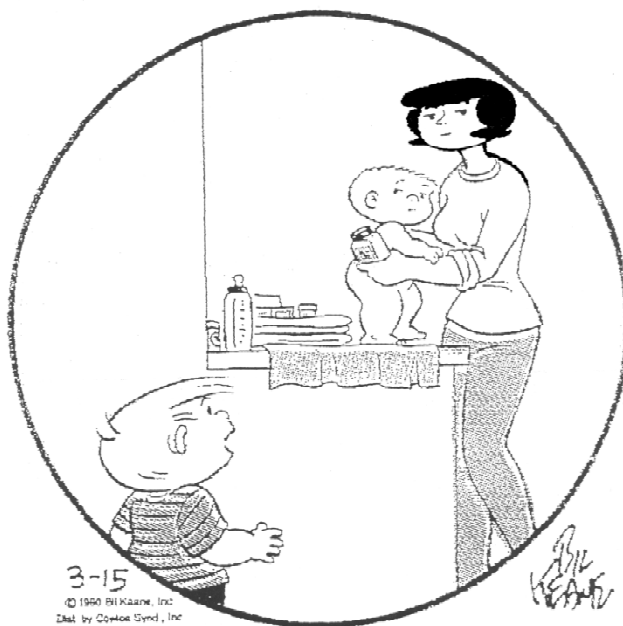


# Positive Parenting

**Fig. 2: Percent of Parents who Usually or Consistently Demonstrate Aspects of Positive Parenting**



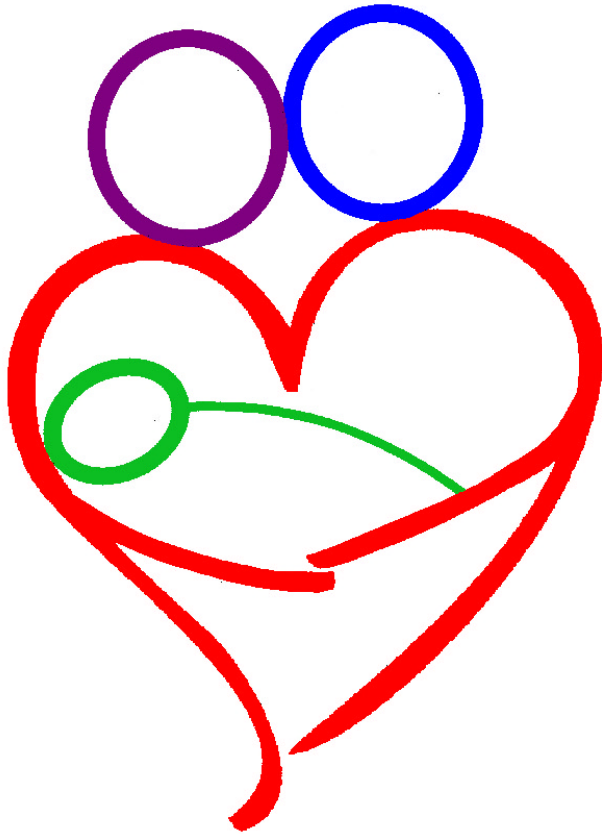
**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** / By Bill Keane



"If babies don't come with directions,  
how do mommies know how to work  
em?"

■ I don't know what I  
would do without home  
visits and the group.  
They have been a  
lifeline for me and my  
support system.

--Single mother with four-  
year-old



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